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The funeral rites of the state funeral then concluded.

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Resolved that the Capital of the Company be reduced from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each to \$2,000,000 (Two million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$5 (Five dollars) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint) to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of \$2,500,000 (Two million five hundred thousand) dollars and fifty cents per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$5 (Five dollars) and fifty cents.

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[BY THE DAILY CHRONICLE, SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT LATELY IN SCANDINAVIA.]

Norwegians are not a people to be cajoled, and they are certainly not a people to be bullied—as Germany is in process of learning. The German taunt that Norway has been bought by British gold is palpably untrue to anyone who has a knowledge of the national character. The Norwegians are of all peoples independent, rather outspoken, a shrewd and businesslike race, not averse from making profits, but the last people on earth to sell their independence. And it ought to be plainly understood that though the sympathies of the Norwegians are undoubtedly on the side of the Allies, especially of Britain, the leaders of the country resent the slightest suggestion that they are in any way an appendage to this country.

This characteristic of the Norwegians has been especially touching about the various trade directions. No one must run away with the idea that Norwegians willingly and devotedly accept those restrictions out of love for Britain. And yet, without doubt there is any neutral which at bottom is so wholeheartedly in sympathy with us. They are a stiff race, the Norwegians, unyielding, and they regard Norway as their first and their dominant consideration.

THE GERMAN EMPIRE'S CRUIZERS. But these very qualities make them into courageous and tenacious fighters. It is impossible to miss the resemblance between them and the Scottish people. This psychology gives us an idea of the past, present, and future relations of Norway to Germany. German commercial travellers came and offered the Norwegians business on good terms and they promptly dealt with the Germans, admiring the latter's energy, persistence, and thoroughness. Norway did not run after manufactured goods from Britain, with whom she has so many affinities, and Britain, not troubling to send out commercial travellers, was of course outdistanced. That was part of the story before the war.

Another part of the story was that the German Emperor was very fond of the beautiful Norwegian fjords, and he used frequently to be up there in his yacht. He was so fond of them that German warships were also frequently there. The Norwegians are not a race easily deceived. The frequent sight of these warships penetrating into the fjords, giving opportunities for spying out the land, ascertaining favourable anchorages, and learning a lot of other interesting details, struck home into the Norwegians. In spite of trade relationships and in face of the open and affectionate admiration of the Kaiser for beautiful Norway there were open expressions of suspicion, the Norwegians not trying to hide their feelings in the least about the matter. The indignation of the affronted Kaiser may be imagined. He called his warships off, and they did not come to the shores of Norway again.

All this is instructive in view of recent happenings. The wild outbreaks of Germany at the refusal to allow her submarines in territorial waters gives point to the Norwegian suspicions that

the visits of the German warships were concerned with the spying out of certain bases of operation for the future. There is this to add about the present situation in Norway, that while the Norwegians continue to emphasise their place as an independent neutral, they manifest in a hundred incidental ways their kinship in thought and race and ideals with ourselves. Portraits of King George and of our naval and military commanders are frequent in the shop windows of Bergen and Christiania. Throughout those towns I saw but one picture of the Kaiser. The word "London" or "England" was frequently attached to goods in order to demonstrate their superiority. Everywhere an Englishman is received with an open cordiality there is no mistaking.

VIEWS OF LEADING MEN. Of course, there are isolated cases here and there of pro-Germans, and I am convinced from my experience that there are able and persistent German agents at work sowing their country in the big centres; notably in Bergen, Trondheim, and Christiania. Moreover, there is German propaganda, and it takes the insidious form of exaggerations of Norwegian grievances in respect of British restrictions on imports and exports—just as I have no doubt in some cases it has been successful.

The emphatic expressions of strict neutrality by statesmen in power are in perfect propriety, and leave an Englishman who knows the mood of the country quite comfortable. It was instructive to learn the views of national figures who have not the weight of office on them. One of these is Professor Collin, of Christiania University, who is a great of Europe generally. To the influence of a distinguished servant he adds that of an electric personality, and his informed enthusiasm in the cause of the Allies has been of service which this country ought fittingly to recognise later on. Another famous man of thought as well as of action is of Norway's statesmen in reserve. He was the first Norwegian Minister to Britain after the separation from Sweden, and the Swedes were rather bitter towards him—and yet he made a friendly exposition to me of the Swedish attitude and deepened my impression of Sweden's sympathy with Norway's attitude of mind towards the war.

A word should be said about the Norwegian seamen. In the midst of a keen wholesome, unadorned race the sea traders of Norway, be they owners, captains, or common sailors, are a true and dominant type; clear-headed, bold and determined. It is impossible to withhold admiration from them. They will be a tough nut for the German to crack. The Viking blood is not yet extinct. I have made it clear, I hope, that the Norwegians are a strong people, and it is all to the good that the British representative in Norway is a strong man. The Germans hate and fear Sir M. Finlay, and their hatred is not the less because he is a true friend of Norway. I found him everywhere respected. I give one instance of the thoroughness of a man heavily burdened with work and responsibility. Any Norwegian, high or low, with a real point to discuss, will always be seen by the British Minister personally. There is no red tape at the British Legation. My experience in Norway showed me quite plainly why the Germans dislike Sir M. Finlay so intensely.

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FRENCH PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOL IMPORTS.

PARIS, Dec. 24.
The importation of alcohol into France and Algeria is prohibited.

AUSTRIA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.
Count Loggner has been appointed Austria's Foreign Minister. Baron Burian becomes Minister of Finance.

GERMAN LINER REFOATED.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 24.
The German liner *Friedrich Wilhelm* which had sheltered at one of the islands in the Arctic since 1914 and recently managed to make her way down the coast as far as the Kattegat where she went ashore in a snowstorm, has been refloated.

NEW AUSTRALIAN WAR LOAN.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 24.
A new 4½% War Loan for £18,000,000 has been issued. The loan is redeemable in 1923. The list closes on February 8th.

COAL CRISIS IN FRANCE.

PARTLY SETTLED.
PARIS, Dec. 24.
The coal crisis is partly settled. Three thousand men will be sent to the mines. The freight tax will be abolished, and the British Government will become the sole transporter. The store ships will be divided into three groups, namely: coal, commissariat and supply fleets, proceeding to different ports conveyed by warships.

SHIPS SUNK.

LONDON, December 22.
The steamers *Flintton* and *Blairhall* (British), the *Taki-maru* (Japanese), and the *Prima* (Norwegian) have been sunk.

FOUR MORE STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, December 22.
The British-India steamer *Itanus* has been sunk.
Also the steamers *Gerda* (Danish), *Skjette* (Russian) and *Modig* (Norwegian).

LATER.

The Norwegian steamer *Arna*, the Danish steamers *Hroplafur* and *Dansberg* have been sunk.

AUSTRIA'S PREMIER.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.
The *Frankfurter Zeitung* doubts whether a Czech like the new Premier Martinic will bring Austria salvation. The paper says that he was formerly an Austrian-Hungarian Separatist, but possibly the war has changed his views.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH WAR WORK SCHEME.

LONDON, Dec. 22.
The outlines of the Government's war work scheme are—

All males from 17 to 60 years of age are required to enroll before the Advisory Committees stationed at the various centres.
Then Mr. Neville Chamberlain's department will decide what industries, apart from war work, are essential, and the proportion of workers they require. Industries that are not essential will be shut down; for instance, the tinplate trade. It is not intended that tinplate any longer be used for the packing of tobacco, mustard and such like. The skilled workers thus released will go to steel work.

There will be a register in every locality of war industry or productive requirements. The mobility of labour will be stimulated by the transference of batches of workers to places where they are urgently required.
Powers will be taken to billet workers in private houses. The worker will be paid at trade union rates plus half-crown daily for separation allowance where the homes are divided; and railway fares. If volunteers are insufficient the Government will apply for compulsory powers.

BRITAIN'S STEAMSHIP LOSSES.

GERMAN BLOCKADE WOULD NEVER STARVE US.

LONDON, Dec. 24.
Sir Norman Hill, in a speech, calculated that the British shipping losses during the twenty-seven months of war was 11 per cent of the total tonnage, or under a half per cent monthly. He concluded that a German blockade, even if it were a hundred years long, would never starve us.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S PEACE NOTE.

ENGLISH PRESS VIEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The papers, reverting to President Wilson's Note, emphasise the striking unanimity of the whole British Press.

In their comments thereon, they consider that President Wilson and Mr. Lansing have done themselves less than justice.

The King's speech is regarded as an effective answer to the Note, stating in simple and dignified language the unalterable resolve of the Empire in a sacred cause.

AMERICAN PRESS COMMENT.

The London correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News* writes that the purpose of the Note was of the friendliness to the Allies, President Wilson seeking to induce Germany to state her real terms, upon which he would appeal to the people to join the Allies.

The *New York Times* says that President Wilson wrote the Note with the object of getting light thrown on Germany's real purpose, as the response of the Allies was known in advance.

The *New York World* says:—If Germany resumes her ruthless submarine warfare the American people must decide between force and peace at any price.

THE ABSORBING TOPIC.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

A feeling of bewilderment bordering upon indignation, especially in conservative financial quarters, prevails, the effects of President Wilson's Note upsetting the markets and making a mournful Christmas for tens of thousands of hitherto prosperous Americans.

The motives of President Wilson's Note are an absorbing topic throughout the country. Mr. Lansing's comments have only increased the mystification.

The *Tribune* declares that Mr. Lansing's "verge of war" pronouncement wholly transforms the character of the President's action. Neither President Wilson nor Mr. Lansing can now refuse to explain who are threatening the United States.

The *London Transcript* says that the effects of the unfriendliness which President Wilson's Note will generate among the *Entente* Powers will plague the people of the United States so long as Wilson is President.

The majority of the newspapers, however, continue to support President Wilson on the ground of humanity.

THE FRENCH VIEW.

PARIS, Dec. 23.

The *Temps* says that President Wilson has made the fundamental mistake of disregarding the essential fact that one side deliberately broke the peace, while the other did the utmost to safeguard peace. Whatever President Wilson's intentions, he ought to have foreseen the consequences of his action.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ERROR.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The passage in President Wilson's Note to which the greatest exception is taken here is the assertion that the declared objects of the belligerents on both sides are virtually the same:—

"Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of the weak peoples of small States as secure against aggression and against denial in future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful belligerent States."

It is everywhere asked, When has Germany shown any regard for the weaker States?

It is pointed out that the actual evidence is absolutely to the contrary. President Wilson's ignoring this is keenly felt.

"CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION" WANTED.

AMSTERDAM, December 23.

The *Cologne Gazette* says: "The Quadruplex will not go beyond the desire that the German proposals give a suitable basis for the re-establishment of a lasting peace. We must wait to see whether President Wilson can bring about a confidential discussion on this basis. If he tries to bring about the publication of the terms he would play the British game."

A GERMAN THREAT TO NEUTRALS.

AMSTERDAM, December 23.

It is rumoured in Dutch financial circles that Germany has sent a Note to the Neutral Powers, threatening ruthless submarine in the event of peace being unattained.

OPINION IN JAPAN.

TOKYO, Dec. 24.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, interviewed by *Boutar's* correspondent, said that no peace was possible except on terms on which the Allies were wholeheartedly agreed.

AMERICA NEEDS ENLIGHTENMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

It is suggested in some quarters that America needs enlightenment as to the Allies' aims.

The *London Advertiser* urges that Mr. Wilson should be sent to the United States as a missionary of Empire. The *Observer* says that special representation in the United States is necessary. Mr. Bryan is unable to go, why not Lord Rosbery? Why not both together? Perhaps the best choice would be Mr. Asquith.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT SPEECH.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Further German comment on Mr. Lloyd George's speech reveals contradictory views regarding Great Britain's attitude.

For instance, the *Vossische Zeitung* describes his reply as a flat refusal, while the *Berliner Zeitung* says that the matter is still undecided.

OPINION IN ITALY.

ROME, Dec. 22.

The entire Press praises Mr. Lloyd George's reply regarding peace.

RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN CANADA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.

All the newspapers in Canada praise the speech as inspiring greater sacrifice and renewed confidence.

HEROIC RESCUES FROM A BURNING OIL SHIP.

GALLANT WORK BY A DESTROYER.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

A correspondent describes the heroism displayed in rescuing the crew of the oil-tanker *Conch*, which was torpedoed at eleven o'clock on the night of 7th December.

A destroyer at three o'clock in the morning when travelling at a speed of eight knots, observed a huge conflagration. She immediately "proceeded at full speed to the spot, and her crew were horrified to see thirty men huddled forward on the deck of the burning vessel.

There were three steamers about, a quarter of a mile distant which for hours had been powerless to approach the lakes of fire from the oil welling from the sides of the vessel.

There was a nasty sea running and the *Conch* was lurching in all directions. Three times the destroyer crossed the bows of the burning vessel throwing overboard rafts, life belts and buoys. Many of the crew jumped into the sea and were saved.

After two hours, and when all the life-saving apparatus was gone, the destroyer, with most magnificent daring, went alongside and took off nine men still aboard.

Ten minutes later the *Conch* disappeared.

MILITARY COURTS ON INQUIRY.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson, the Under Secretary of State for War, announced that the results had arrived at the War Office of the Courts of Inquiry sited for in August.

He informed the House that there was a "Lady in the case outside military jurisdiction."—The Government's displeasure had been conveyed to Major-General Sir John Steven Cowans who would remain in his post of Quartermaster-General temporarily in the country's interest. General Sir Henry MacKinnon would be retired under the age limit, and no action was possible nor desirable. Colonel D. Macdonald had been removed from his command. He referred to, but did not disclose the action taken, in the case of Brigadier Owen Thomas, which was due to military requirements, and paid a tribute to his great services to recruiting in Wales.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S POSITION.

LATER.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson, Under Secretary for War, said that Major-General Sir John Steven Cowans, who had rendered most distinguished service in the present war had placed himself unreservedly in the hands of Lord Derby, who, while not wishing to protect any officer from the consequences of any action simply because of his high position, felt that this was not a moment, after he himself had just taken office, when the best interests of the country would be served by not continuing to avail himself of Major-General Cowans's services.

The feeding and equipment of the armies had since the commencement of the war, and a vast responsibility had been met with a courage marking the utmost approbation.

Mr. Macpherson pointed out that since July Major-General Cowans had had full responsibility for the supplies to Mesopotamia, and read a letter from Lieut-Colonel Godfrey Collins on the subject of supplies to Mesopotamia.

THE KING'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

TO HIS SAILORS AND SOLDIERS.

The following message has been sent by H.M. the King to his sailors and soldiers:—

"I send you, my sailors and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victories gained, for hardships endured, and for your unflinching cheeriness."

"Another Christmas has come round and we are still at war. But the Empire, confident in you, remains determined to win."

"May God bless and protect you."

GEORGE VI.

To the sick and wounded His Majesty has addressed the following:—

"At this Christmas the Queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers."

"From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their suffering, speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmas, and many happier years to come."

GEORGE VI.

HOLLAND AND THE WAR.

HER TURN MIGHT COME ANY DAY.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 23.

In the Second Chamber the War Minister said that since the war began he had always felt that Holland's turn might come any day, and he assured the House of the preparedness of the Dutch forces.

THE SITUATION IN GREECE.

SYRA, Dec. 20.

Arrests of Venezuelists in Athens continue. The military party is gaining ground. The newspapers are violently attacking the Allies. The removal of Greek troops is proceeding slowly. The newspapers declare that the people of Thessaly are protesting and interfering with the entraining of the artillery. The Allied Ministers are still aloof.

GRATE NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

A Venezuelist telegram from Salonika states:—The persecution of the Venezuelists in Athens continues.

The Royalists are celebrating their victory over the Allies.

University students have tortured Professors imprisoned for having demonstrated pro-*Entente* sympathies.

All the streets in old Greece towns, hitherto named after Venezuelas are being officially changed to "First December."

The War Minister has conveyed the King's congratulations to the troops for their exemplary behaviour and courage on the 1st of December, when, he claims, they saved the country from enemies, hoping to overthrow the dynasty.

EGYPTIAN CAMPAIGN.

AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

An official report from Egypt states:—Our aircraft dropped a ton of high explosives on an enemy concentration at Maghabah, causing many casualties. They also attacked Bersheba and Ajaja, and seriously damaged an important railway bridge at Telsharia, to the north of Bersheba.

MESOPOTAMIA.

ARRAIDS AND BOMBARDMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

An official message from Mesopotamia states:—Our aeroplanes twice raided the Turkish advanced base near Baghailah.

Our artillery heavily bombarded hostile trenches near Kut-el-Amara and Samarra.

OUR TROOPS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, December 23.

Lieut.-Colonel Godfrey Collins, telegraphed from Basra on the 3rd inst.

All that human foresight, money and work can do is being done to-day for the welfare of the troops in Mesopotamia. The up-river traffic shows decided and continued progress. The British troops have full winter rations and there are ample medical supplies.

GERMAN FOOD BOOTH FROM RUMANIA.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

AMSTERDAM, December 23.

The German papers are most ambiguous regarding the quantity of cereals captured in Rumania. It is believed that the bulk of the crops had been previously destroyed.

Enthusiastic expectations have been dashed by a statement by Herr Patocsi, the Food Controller, in the *Lokalszeitung*, that he never made the statement attributed to him by a Hungarian newspaper about the great quantity of food captured in Rumania.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY EASILY REPULSED.

PARIS, December 23.

A communiqué states:—The enemy, after a violent bombardment, tried to approach our lines east of Auberno, in Champagne. They were easily repulsed.

There has been fairly lively enemy artillery action at Hardaumont and Chambray-Faiz.

POLICE INTERVIEW IN MOSCOW CONFERENCES.

MOSCOW, December 23.

Congresses of delegates from the Provincial Councils assembled to-day, but the police intervened and stopped the proceedings.

SOCIALIST MEETINGS IN GERMANY PROHIBITED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.

The police prohibited Socialist meetings at Leipzig at which a resolution was to have been proposed denouncing the abandonment of peace terms as the Peace Note will not secure an early peace.

FRENCH WAR TAX ON MEN NOT SERVING.

PARIS, Dec. 22.

The Chamber has passed the War Tax on men not serving, including a fixed duty of twelve francs, and an increase of 25 per cent on the Income Tax.

COLOURED LABOUR ON BRITISH SHIPS.

PROTEST BY TRADE UNIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

A joint conference of representatives of the miners, railwaymen's and transport-workers' unions has passed a resolution against the movement to import coloured labour into Great Britain and protesting against the extended use of Chinese and other Asiatics in Admiralty transports and merchantmen until the services of British and friendly Allied seamen have been utilised to the fullest extent.

AMERICAN STEAMER MINED.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The American steamer *Kansas* has struck a mine and is badly damaged. She has arrived at Nantes.

THE PRICE OF "THE TIMES."

PROBABLE FURTHER INCREASE.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The *Times* announces a probable further increase in the price of the paper in view of possible more stringent restrictions on the import of paper and paper-making material.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE'S FUNCTION.

A CLEARING-HOUSE FOR INFORMATION.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

In the House of Lords, replying to a question, Lord Islington said that the Imperial Institute aimed at being the clearing-house for information in regard to raw material produced within the Empire. His Lordship emphasised especially the steps being taken in India to develop the raw material. A large representative committee had been appointed for India charged to enquire into the promotion of inter-imperial trade. This committee had appointed a special sub-committee to investigate the special trades. One of the main objects of the inquiry is to find imperial outlets for the products which formerly went to Germany, especially hides, from which the best leather was produced. The committee had made great progress in preparing a scheme which, it is hoped, will result in the hides being made into leather for the country more largely than before. Lord Islington hoped that the Raj would largely contribute towards the Institute and the Dominions would make larger contributions.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

ALLIES RAID KAVAKLI.

SALONIKA, Dec. 23.

An official communiqué states:—We successfully raided Kavakli, capturing prisoners.

The Navy effectively bombarded entrenchments at Nookhori.

OBITUARY.

A NOTED GLASGOW EDITOR.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The death is announced of Dr. Charles Gilchrist Russell, editor of the *Glasgow Herald* from 1887 to 1906, and President of the Institute of Journalists, 1892-98.

AN IRISH M.P.

The death is announced of Mr. J. J. O'Kelly, Nationalist Member of Parliament for North Roscommon.

GENERAL SIR H. B. TUSON.

The death is announced of General Sir H. B. Tuson, K.C.B.

[The deceased officer served in China in 1858-60 (for which he received a medal and two clasps and was mentioned in despatches). He served also in the Egyptian campaign of 1882 (despatches twice, two clasps); and was in the Sudan campaign in 1894. He reached the rank of Lieut.-General in 1899, and General in 1909.]

SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Mrs. Montagu's report on the silver market says:—The market is quiet. The supplies are rather scanty. Although there has been some profit taking by the Indian bazars and other holders, there was some general demand, more or less active each day, and consequently the mintage purchases have not been large. However, this is unimportant in view of the Raj's purchase of 8,600 bars at Bombay. The approach of the holidays tends to restrict local business.

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